

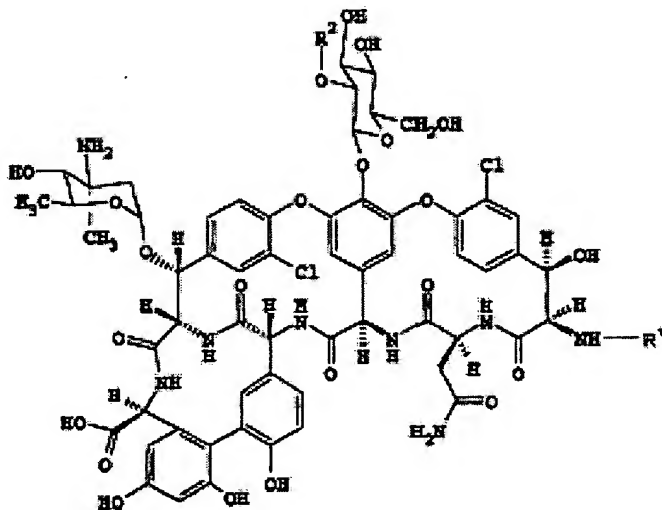
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-6. Cancelled

7. (Currently amended) A method of treating a bacterial infection in a host comprising the step of administering to the host an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula



wherein R¹ represents

alkanoyl of C₂-C₁₀ which is unsubstituted, or which is substituted by a phenyl, or which is substituted on other than the ~~α-carbon~~ alpha-carbon atom by an amino or protected amino group; benzoyl or substituted benzoyl bearing one or two substituents each of which is independently halo, lower alkyl of C₁-C₄, lower alkoxy of C₁-C₄ or phenyl;

an acyl derived from an ~~α-amino~~ alpha-amino acid or an acyl derived from a protected ~~α-amino~~ alpha-amino acid, said ~~α-amino~~ alpha-amino acid being selected from the group consisting of:

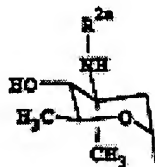
alanine,

arginine,
 asparagine,
 aspartic acid,
 cysteine,
 glutamic acid,
 glutamine,
 glycine,
 histidine,
 isoleucine,
 leucine,
 lysine,
 methionine,
 3-phenylalanine,
 3-(p-chlorophenyl)alanine,
 proline,
 serine,
 threonine,
 tryptophan and
 valine,

in either D- or L-form; or

an acyl derived from an ~~α -amino~~ alpha-amino acid as defined above which bears on the amine a substituent which is alkyl of C₁-C₁₀, benzyl, phenylbenzyl, or p-chlorobenzyl, with the proviso that the acyl derived from N-methyl-D-leucine is excluded;

R² represents hydrogen or an epivancosaminyl of the formula



wherein R^{2a} represents hydrogen or -CH₂- R³ and R³ represents

hydrogen,

alkyl of C₁-C₁₁,

alkyl of C₁-C₁₁-R⁴, or

R⁴-(linker_(0 or 1)-R⁴)_{0 or 1},

wherein each R⁴ is independently phenyl or phenyl substituted by one or two substituents, each of which is independently halo, lower alkyl of C₁-C₈, lower alkoxy of C₁ - C₈, lower alkylthio of C₁-C₄, or trifluoromethyl, and "linker" is [[-O-]] -O-, -CH₂-, or -O- (CH₂)_n- wherein n is 1-3.

8. (Original) A method of Claim 7 wherein the bacterial infection is attributable to a vancomycin-resistant enterococcus.

9-11. Cancelled

12. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein R² is an epivancosaminyl radical wherein R^{2a} represents hydrogen.

13. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein R² is an epivancosaminyl radical wherein R^{2a} represents -CH₂-R₃.

14. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein R³ is p-biphenyl.

15. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 13, wherein R³ is p-(chlorophenyl) phenyl.